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Drug addiction Survey in th$_e$ country

2779. SHRI VIREN J., SHAH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been made about the extent of drug addiction in the country; if so, what is the estimated number o£' drug addicts;

(b) what are the States in which drug addiction is prevalent more acutely;

(c) what steps have been taken for the prevention of drug abuse;

(d) what is the number of various centres, including counselling centres, de-addiction-cum-rehabilitation centres and after care centres set up in the country during the last three years, year-wise, and the number of drug addicts treated at these centres; and

(e) whether drug addiction is tending to become a major national problem, what steps are being taken to prevent the sale of drugs to addicts and open sufficient number of de-addiction/rehabilitation centres in the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir. However, in the year 1988-89, Ministry oft Welffere sponsored 23 studies in 31 towns and 2 border areas on a common format for the assessment of the problem of drug abuse, drug users and drug prevention services. This survey covered total sample of 6382 addicts,

(b) No State in the country was found to be untouched by the problem of drug abuse.

(c) Under the Central Sector Sche me of 'Assistance to voluntary Or ganisations 'for Prohibition and Drug Abuse Prevention', a number of voluntary organisations have been given grant-in-aid for (i) setting up de-addiction, counselling and after care centres, (ii) holding of deaddic-tion camps, (iii) awareness building programme, (iv) education and pro hibition works; and (v) orientation a»d training programmes etc.

(d) (i) The number of counselling centres, deaddiction centres & after care centres set up in the last three years is given below:

Centres	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
Counselling Centres.		58	28
Deaddiction Centres.		16	12
After-care Centres...		05	02

(ii) Number of drug addicts treated at these centres;

Year; No. of cases registered
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(e) (i) Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 ha ed since 1985 and its has acted as a deterranl drugs (ii) So far, - centres, 36 deaddiction after-care centre's "are voluntary organisations s been enforc-promulgation to the sale of ! • counselling centres and 7 being run by till 31. 7. 1990.